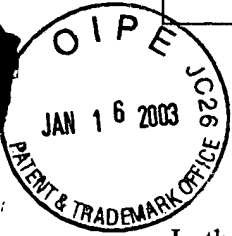


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 10 September 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 10 December 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 10 January 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. All considered claims, claims 54-55, 60-61, 68-69 and 74-77 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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